

Washington, D.C. -This past weekend, the House of Representatives approved legislation providing \$200,000 for the Corps of Engineers to study options for restoring Kellogg Creek in Milwaukie. Congressman Earl Blumenauer (D-Ore.) requested congressional support for the project earlier this year.

"I'm pleased that Congress approved these funds which will restore important fish habitat and contribute to Milwaukie's livability," said Blumenauer.

The funding will be used to complete a feasibility study for removing or modifying Kellogg Dam on Kellogg Creek in Milwaukie. Kellogg Creek is located along the Willamette River, eighteen miles from its confluence with the Columbia River. The study will include options for modification of Kellogg Dam to allow fish passage in Kellogg Creek and restore habitat along the creek for salmon and other species of fish. The project would complement the City's effort to revitalize its downtown and develop its riverfront as a public open space. The City's Mayor, James Bernard was pleased to hear that Blumenauer's request had been approved by Congress. "We look forward to moving ahead with this study," he said.

The funding was included in the Fiscal Year 2005 Omnibus Appropriations bill, legislation funding most federal government programs and agencies for the coming year. The President is expected to sign the bill in to law shortly.